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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

LAGOS AND RIYADH FOR PRE-ADVANCE

EO 11652 GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: PROPOSED SCHEDULE

REF: STATE 256802

1. RE INSTRUCTS US TO REGRET THE ENTERTAINMENT AND
RECEPTION AFTER THE STATE DINNER. THIS IDEA WAS NOT
DISCUSSED WITH US BY PRE-ADVANCE TEAM, AND I WOULD BE
REMISS IF I DID NOT RECORD FOR YOU MY BEST JUDGMENT AND
RECOMMENDATION IN REGARD TO IT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONSIDERATIONS IN PARA 3 OF
REF. IF WE REQUEST CANCELLATION OF THE ENTERTAINMENT
AND RECEPTION, HOWEVER, IT WILL BE TAKEN AS A REBUFF,
AND IT WILL DEEPLY DISAPPOINT PRESIDENT PEREZ AND
VENEZUELANS GENERALLY. PEREZ AND THE ENTIRE GOV HAVE
ENTHUSIASTICALLY BEEN PLANNING TO RECIPROCATATE THE VERY
SAME KIND OF HOSPITALITY RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT CARTER
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AT THE WHITE HOUSE, AND HAVE BEEN PROUDLY DEVISING THIS
ENTERTAINMENT-RECEPTION. BESIDES THE COLD WATER EFFECT,
IT WILL SEEM TO MANY, AND ESPECIALLY TO THE PUBLIC, AS
UNGRACIOUS ON OUR PART. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT PRESIDENT
PEREZ WILL ACCEDE TO THE REQUEST IF THAT IS WHAT THE
PRESIDENT WANTS. BUT THE AFTERTASTE IS SOMETHING ELSE
AGIN. I AM NOT JUST BEING HYPERBOLIC WHEN I SAY THAT I

HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT IF WE DO THIS, IT WILL TAKE A LOT
OF THE SHEEN OFF THE VISIT.

3. I BELIEVE IT PERFECTLY PLAUSIBLE TO MOVE THE WHOLE
SEGMENT(DINNER-ENTERTAINMENT-RECEPTION) FORWARD TO 7:30,
AND END EVERYTHING BY 10:30. I EARNESTLY REQUEST,
THEREFORE, THAT RECONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO AN EVENING
SCHEDULE, INCLUDING THE RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT,
WHICH WOULD START AT 7:30 AND END BY 1030PM.
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